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RESEARCH ON CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether research on Cancer in India is still in a primitive stage;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to augment the financial resources in order to facilitate more research on it;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the National Cancer Congress was held in September, 2003, in Delhi;

(f) if so, the details of the issues discussed in the Congress;

(g) whether the recommendations of the Congress have been considered by the Government; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) which is the nodal apex agency in Medical Research, high priority is given to cancer research in the country. About 70 research projects are being currently supported by them. In addition, under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), this Ministry has recognized 20 Regional Cancer Centres in different States/UTs which are also involved in carrying out research activities in the field of Cancer. The Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), Kolkata which is one of the recognized RCCs, is at present handling about 38 research projects.As such it may not be correct to say that research on cancer in the country is in primitive stage.

(e) to (h) This Ministry has neither organized nor funded the National Cancer Congress held in September, 2003 in Delhi.